

solution for the city of Omaha's government is to come down to this Legislature and try to get an additional eleven million dollars. That is the easiest thing that they can do. But, I'm not so sure that it is the most right thing to do. I think that we have got responsibilities in this body that are broader. I think that we have to look at the ramifications this bill has on the tax base of the State of Nebraska. Those ramifications are real. So, I think this decision should go to the voters of Omaha who pay the bulk of this tax and let them decide how they prefer to pay for this type of governmental spending or whether they might in fact prefer that this some of this governmental spending cease. I think that we are presumptuous to try to say that they would do this or they would not do that. The only arguments against this provision, and we heard them all over and over again that there is no time left. That is absolutely not so. There is ample time, adequate time to get this on the ballot in May and let the people of Omaha decide one way or another and let the decision rest there where it belongs.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. The question before the Legislature is the amendment to an amendment and is that what you wish to speak, on Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and the amendment of Senator Dworak's is designed to restore integrity to the discussion of this issue which we pretended to have Friday when we were discussing it. In the letter from the Governor he concluded by saying that Senator DeCamp's device here, which has now become Senator Schmit's....

SENATOR SAVAGE: Excuse me, Senator Chambers. May we have a little order? It is pretty difficult to hear in here over the voice level. I would like to have everybody listen to this debate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Savage, but I really don't mind. He referred to what Senator DeCamp as doing as the "Boom-a-Ruski" and that is the play where the ball was centered to a back man, they thought that it went to the quarterback, but this man took it from between his legs and threw it to somebody else. Well DeCamp was the up close man who got the ball between his legs, you all were watching DeCamp over the weekend, weren't you. Whose got the ball for Omaha now? Senator Schmit. That is the "Boom-a-Ruski", and you were tricked again. Senator Schmit did say that he believed that the people should vote, and he was very persuasive, and I thought sincere in what he said. But now I see as the Governor said it is a transparent dodge. Perhaps when people run for office they say one thing today, then the opposite thing tomorrow and they feel that nobody will catch them. But, look at what the Governor said at the end of his letter, "But I submit that the Omaha voters will not be fooled with the attempted fakery to take away their vote on the matter. I am hopeful that the Omaha city officials and the majority of the Legislature will not be taken in by it either". That lets you know Senator Schmit and Senator DeCamp that what the Governor said will still hold. You are trying to deny the voters the right